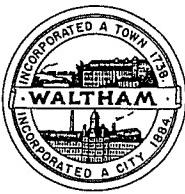


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# CITY OF WALTHAM

## MASSACHUSETTS

Michael L. J. Chiasson  
Director of Public Works

November 2, 2022

Dear Occupants of 240 Beaver Street, Waltham MA:

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Please describe and list the personal property. Example, equipment, sheds, small buildings, shelters, tents, etc.

If there is any other occupant you are aware of other than those listed below, please advise me so I may send them a letter as well.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael Chiasson  
Director of CPW

cc:     Waltham Fields Community Farm  
          Boston Area Climate Experiment  
          Green Rows of Waltham  
          Grow Native Massachusetts  
          Mass Farmers Market  
          Waltham Land Trust  
          Healthy Waltham

## **Chiasson, Michael**

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**From:** Stacey Daley <Stacey@communityfarms.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:56 AM  
**To:** Chiasson, Michael  
**Subject:** Follow Up  
**Attachments:** UMass-CFOWFCF Fully Executed Exhibit A.pdf

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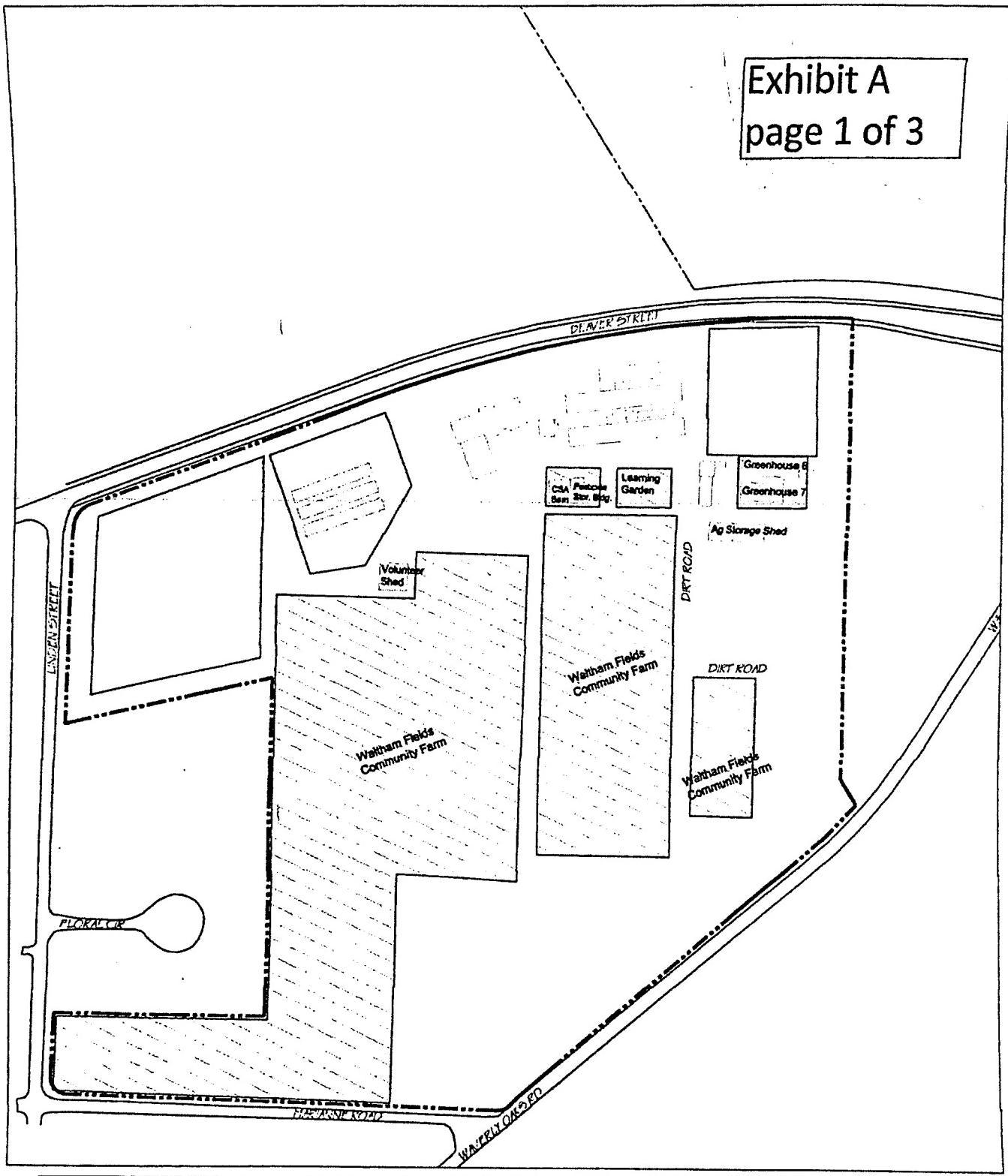
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Exhibit A  
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Licensed Land

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WALTHAM STATION  
COMMUNITY FARMS OUTREACH  
EXHIBIT A - LICENSED LAND

1/13/2021

UMass Campus Planning



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This is my third attempt to satisfy this request and hope we may set a time soon and before snowfall may hinder visibility of particular areas.  
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**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** Chiasson, Michael  
**Cc:** LaCrosse, Stew; Stacey Daley  
**Subject:** 240 Beaver Street  
**Attachments:** 2022.12.01 Waltham Fields-Letter to Michael Chiasson (re 240 Beaver Street)  
4890-3606-7393 v.1.pdf

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Dear Mr. Chiasson,

Please see the attached correspondence on behalf of Waltham Fields Community Farms.

Thank you,

**Dylan Sanders**  
617.227.3030 (O) | 617.549.5828 (M)



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December 1, 2022

By Email

Mr. Michael Chiasson  
Director of Public Works  
City of Waltham  
165 Lexington Street  
Waltham, MA 02452-4638

Re: *240 Beaver Street, Waltham, Massachusetts*

Dear Mr. Chiasson:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Dylan Sanders*

C. Dylan Sanders

cc: Ms. Stacey Daley, Executive Director, WFCF  
CDS/kt

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All best,

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Kindest regards,  
Sonja

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**From:** Rob Thompson <Rob@healthy-waltham.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 12:00 PM  
**To:** Chiasson, Michael  
**Subject:** Waltham Fields - Healthy Waltham

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Michael,

I am reaching out to you as it is my understanding that the City of Waltham has asked for a listing of items at the Waltham Community farms.

Healthy Waltham has a leased refrigeration unit at the farm located next to the boiler building.

Please let me know any additional information that you need.

Best  
Rob

Rob Thompson  
Chief Operations Officer  
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We also have a small shed tucked under the emergency staircase in the back of the building. The shed contains tools and more stewardship supplies. It's basically falling apart and might not last the winter. We have purchased another shed, the same size, to replace it but have held off on installing it given the changes in property ownership.

Kindest regards,  
Sonja

**Chiasson, Michael**

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**From:** Rob Thompson <Rob@healthy-waltham.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 12:00 PM  
**To:** Chiasson, Michael  
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Michael,

I am reaching out to you as it is my understanding that the City of Waltham has asked for a listing of items at the Waltham Community farms.

Healthy Waltham has a leased refrigeration unit at the farm located next to the boiler building.

Please let me know any additional information that you need.

Best  
Rob

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